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## NOTICE

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## MARYLAND WEEK COMES TO A SUCCESSFUL CLOSE

College Park, Md., Nov. 24.

Establishing a new record for general excellence, high quality of exhibits and large attendance, the Maryland Week exhibition came to a successful close on Saturday, at the Fifth Regiment Armory, Baltimore, with everybody who had anything at all to do with the show highly pleased and without a man with a grouch in sight.

And as a fitting climax to the week's celebration, which brought the farmers and the city people of the State together as they have never been before, a new force in the agricultural life of the State was brought

into being—one which its projectors hope will have a strong influence for better farming from Garrett to Worcester and prove to be a big factor in securing for the farmer and his interests the recognition to which they are entitled as the basic interests of the State.

## FORM AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

This is the Maryland Agricultural Society, under whose auspices the Maryland Week celebration will be held in future, it being recognized by the four organizations headed by the Maryland Horticultural Society that the celebrations have grown too big and the interests they represent too diversified to be continued longer under the old arrangement if they are to be successful in the future.

Samuel M. Shoemaker, of Baltimore county, long the president of the Maryland Dairymen's Association, has been chosen as the president of the society, with A. W. Sisk, of Caroline county, former president of the Horticultural Society, as the vice-president, and Prof. Thomas B. Symons, of the Maryland Agricultural College, and the executive officer of the Maryland Week celebration, as secretary-treasurer. These gentlemen, together with the presidents and secretaries and one member of each of the affiliated organizations, will form the executive council, which will map out and direct the work of the new society. These affiliated organizations are the Maryland Horticultural Society, the State Dairymen's Association, the Crop Improvement Association and the State Bee Keepers' Association.

While each member of the affiliated organizations becomes a member of the State Agricultural Society, and the society thus starts off as the offi-

cial representative of nearly 2,000 men interested in agriculture, the autonomy of each organization will be preserved and efforts will be made to strengthen each of them.

## SEEK GREATER RECOGNITION

It is understood that a campaign will be made by the new organization for a greater recognition of agriculture by the Maryland Legislature, and that it will get to work on a survey of the agricultural needs of State. Moreover, it will do all in its power to bring about a closer alliance between the people of Baltimore city and the people of the counties that has heretofore existed.

The society proposes to get on its job at once, and the new president, Mr. Shoemaker, in accepting the presidency, pledged himself to work hard for its success. One of the first things to be done will be to take stock of Maryland Week of 1915 and go to work at once for a bigger and better exhibition and celebration next year. These exhibitions are unique and the society will endeavor to make them broader and more interesting year by year. Of course, there are state fairs at such places as Syracuse, N. Y., and Columbus, Ohio, with acres and acres of exhibits, but these are largely commercial undertakings. It is expected that the Maryland Week show will continually strive for quality and will endeavor to make Maryland products known from one end of the country to the other for their excellence.

## BOYS' CORN CLUBS AND GIRLS' CANNING CLUBS GUESTS AT MARYLAND WEEK SHOW

College Park, Md., Nov. 24.

To the strains of "Maryland My Maryland" a vigorous procession of rosy-cheeked boys and girls, holding



a far greater significance to the State than they realized, marched through the aisles of the big array of exhibits at the Fifth Regiment Armory, Baltimore, on the closing day of Maryland Week.

They were the members of the Boys' Corn Clubs and the Girls' Canning Clubs and they represented a new era in the farming of Maryland—an era in which the highest and finest yield will be obtained from every acre of land and the surplus of that yield will be preserved scientifically for the winter use of the farmers. The boys represented the producers and the girls the careful preservers of that produce.

The boys and girls of the county clubs are those that have shown the highest efficiency in their separate works of farming and in home economics during the past season. The trip to the city is the reward of many of them for efficient labor. They were arriving all during the morning and by 1 o'clock the full aggregation of 6 boys and 12 girls had assembled at the Hotel Emerson to be launched on a two-day program of pleasure combined with the agreeable instruction to be found at the exhibits of Maryland Week. The different county groups were arranged under their county agents for chaperonage, the general chairman for the boys being under State Agent Reuben Brigham and State Agent Miss Katherine A. Pritchett.

#### MARCH AT ARMORY.

The procession at the armory preceded the awarding of the prizes to the boys and girls for their various triumphs in the fields of canning and in raising corn. The gallant little procession, preceded by a band which fairly crashed out the State anthem, marched the full circuit of the armory to the assembly hall. Here, with banners flying and in fine order, they took their place before the garlanded and decorated stage.

Robert P. Graham, Secretary of

State, in the absence of Governor Goldsborough, made the address of welcome and congratulations to the young people and then presented them with the various prizes. Two \$20 gold pieces were awarded the young girl and the young boy who had written the best essay in the State on the work in which they had been engaged during the summer. The recipients were James M. Huffington, of Salisbury, Wicomico county, and Miss Catherine L. Hancock, Stockton, Worcester county.

#### MEDAL PRESENTED TO NICHOLS.

Young Leroy Nichols, of Highland, Harford county, who had raised 150 bushels of corn from one acre of land, was presented with the gold medal awarded him at the Panama-Pacific Exposition. The three all-star boys of the State—those that secured the biggest yield of corn from their acres—were William Troy, of Queen Anne's county, whose yield was 105 bushels; Alonzo Phillips, of Talbot county, whose yield was 104 bushels, and James Cosden, of Talbot, whose yield was 102 bushels.

Following the awarding of prizes and medals, some reels of excellent moving pictures taken at Folly Quarter, in Howard county, were shown the young people before they went out into the exhibit hall.

It was a big day for the embryo farmers and young farm-home makers. Right after they had all gathered in an excited bunch in the lobby of the Emerson Hotel, the photographs were requested, and the whole crowd was escorted to the roof of the hotel for this solemn undertaking.

Then came a trip to the Maryland Theater, as guests of the manager, Fred Schanberger. From the theater they were escorted to the City Club, where the affiliated organizations promoting Maryland Week entertained them at dinner. The close

of the dinner was marked with some splendid addresses to the young people by Dr. H. J. Patterson, president of the Maryland Agricultural College, Prof. T. B. Symonds, director of Maryland Week, and Mr. Reuben Brigham, the State agent for the clubs of young people.

The awarding of the county prizes to the youthful farmers was done according to a schedule which embraced yield, 30 points; cost of production, 30 points; exhibits, 20 points, and an essay on how the crop was raised, 20 points.

The prizes to the girls were awarded according to the excellence of their canned goods, in the making of which they have been instructed by their county agents.

#### REVISED LIST OF WINNERS

A retabulated list of prize winners in the counties shows the following as the three highest graded winners in each county:

Talbot—Avery Stichberry, J. M. Cosden and Alonzo Phillips.

Anne Arundel—Benjamin Watkins, Rodney Cox and Edward Gertz.

St. Mary's—J. Maguire Mattingly, Lester M. Mattingly and J. Berlin Oliver.

Calvert—Wayne Bowen, Charles F. Lane and Floyd Gibson.

Queen Anne's County—William Troy, Arthur Potts, J. Medford Price.

Somerset County—Charles Fitzgerald, Albert Fitzgerald, Homer Kemp.

Allegany County—Ralph Wilson, Lester Hite, Potato Club; Lewis J. Miller, Jr., and Leslie Smith.

Cecil County—M. J. McCleary, W. S. Moore, Osborne Reynolds.

Worcester County—Henry Baily, Julius Outen, Clyde Bounds.

Dorchester County—Howard Harding, Carlton Neal.

